

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, which is the most pertinent art found, fails to teach and/or fairly suggest the instant invention. Applicant's Rule 1.132 declaration provides evidence that the particle size of the calcium hydroxide of the JP2003-277111A reference differs from that which is instantly claimed. The declaration further shows that the concretion promoting effect of the present invention is obtained when the average particle diameter of the calcium hydroxide is 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J. Green whose telephone number is (571)272-1367. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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